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WHAT'S NEW

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UP IN THE AIR

'Way up in the Wyoming Mountains at the University summer camp, 9,500 feet up in the evergreens and within sight of snow, the directors and State leaders of county agents, home demonstration agents and club agents held a 4 days' conference on supervision, August 9-12. Director Bowman and his staff were gracious hosts and looked after our well-being in wonderful fashion. Reports and proceedings are now being made ready for distribution. Suffice it to say, this was one of the most helpful conferences that have been staged for a long time. The supervisors of the various lines of work certainly worked together in looking ahead to tomorrow's needs and directing county extension agents.

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EASTERN LEADERS AND DIRECTORS WILL ALSO MEET

A similar conference of directors and State leaders of the 12 Eastern States will be held at New London, Conn., September 6-9. The program promises that similar good results will be obtained. We cannot help commenting favorably on the renewed interest of directors and State leaders in coordinating the supervisory effort and in the mutual planning of how to help county extension agents make their work most effective.

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4-H REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Thirty-five State and assistant State club leaders from eight central States met for their annual conference at Des Moines, Iowa, July 20-22. R. A. Turner reports that the high lights of the conference included an inspiring talk on general trends and outlook in 4-H Club work by Dr. C. B. Smith, a discussion on some basic principles of group work by T. T. Martin of Missouri, and a presentation of "our responsibility in keeping youth movements on a sound basis" by Dr. J. A. Starrak of Iowa State College. The importance of careful supervision of all phases of 4-H Club work was stressed throughout the conference, especially by Director R. K. Bliss of Iowa.

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A GREAT AUXILIARY FORCE

Our latest count shows that we have nearly 1,350 emergency war food assistants at work. That is one of the greatest additions to our extension force in the history of extension work. The influence on food production

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and home food preservation and supply should be tremendous. Currently, many State leaders are concerned with planning the work of these assistants in the winter months and making steps to train them for that work.

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EXTENSION URGED TO HELP WITH HEALTH PROGRAMS

The Committee on Extension Organization and Policy, at its meeting here in Washington in July, dealt with the following resolution that should be of very great interest to all supervisors and extension agents:

"The Committee on Extension Organization and Policy recognizes the seriousness of the health situation facing rural people. Factors contributing to this situation are insufficient hospital facilities, ever-increasing shortages of resident physicians, dentists, and nurses, the increasing age of those remaining in the community, and the high cost of services.

To help alleviate this situation, Extension has an opportunity and an obligation to rural people. We can help them through their own community and group organizations to fully understand the factors associated with the health situation. Then, in cooperation with all health services and facilities, plans can be developed to alleviate the problem.

The Extension Service should obtain the requisite information so that communities might immediately plan for the location of hospitals looking forward to the time when facilities and doctors will be available to equip and staff them."

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NEWCOMERS TO THE FEDERAL STAFF

We are pleased to announce that Miss Eunice Heywood, Miss Starley Hunter, and Mr. Kenneth Ingwalson have joined the staff of the Division of Field Coordination. Miss Heywood leaves her position as State leader of home demonstration agents in New Hampshire, October 1. She will work in the 12 Central States, replacing Miss Grace Frysinger, who has asked to be relieved of field work. Miss Frysinger, however, will continue to have special duties here in Washington in the field of home demonstration work.

Miss Heywood served as home demonstration agent in Cayuga County, N. Y., for 3½ years, and then in Oswego County for about 4 years. Then after serving as home demonstration agent at large for about 4 years, she was appointed assistant State leader of home demonstration agents in New York. She left that position in 1943 to become State leader of home demonstration agents in New Hampshire. In addition to her bachelor degree in home economics from the Oregon State College, Miss Heywood earned her M. A. degree from Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City.

Miss Starley Hunter is assistant State leader of home demonstration agents in Indiana, and will be on leave from her work there until July 1, 1945, to represent the Federal office in home demonstration work in the States, particularly in the field of the emergency war food assistants. Miss Hunter served 5 years as county home demonstration agent in Randolph

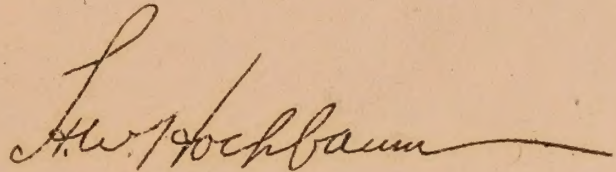
County, Ind., and from 1935 to the present served as assistant State leader of home demonstration agents in Indiana. In addition to her bachelor degree from Indiana University, Miss Hunter also has a master's degree from Columbia University. She holds the rank of assistant professor in Purdue University.

Mr. Kenneth Ingwalson will represent this service in 4-H Club work in the 11 Western States, and has already made visits to some of his States. His record of training and experience and the announcement of his appointment was sent to directors and State leaders a month or so ago.

With the appointment of these qualified persons, the Federal Extension Service can now serve the States more effectively. For these additional members of our staff, we ask your cooperation and help in making their services mutually most helpful.

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We hope to make "What's New in Extension Supervision" a carrier of real news of interest to all concerned in the direction and supervision of county extension agents. We shall try always to make the stories brief and to the point. We ask your aid in making this venture most helpful to all.



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